ing to show that the legal machinery is totally ineffective. But there are areas where it has to be strengthened. That is why I mentioned that some of the laws are being reviewed and some of the laws are going to be amended.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Assistance to Earthquake Victims of Turkey

*618. SHRI C. K. KUPPUSWAMY:
SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Government have taken any decision regarding assistance to the victims of recent earthquake in Turkey; and

(b) if so, the kind, quantum and value of the assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The Government have decided to contribute relief supplies valued at Rs. 75 lakhs to Turkey for the victims of the recent earthquake. The supplies will consist of medicines and blankets.

Import of Seeds

*619. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms and criteria laid down by the Government for import of various varieties of seeds enlisted under Open General Licence by individuals/organisations,

(b) whether minimum/maximum quantity of various seeds to be imported by individuals/organisations is fixed; and

(c) the countries from which these seeds can be imported?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) A new Export and Import Policy was announced on the 31st March, 1992, valid for a period of 5 years from April, 1992 to March, 1997. In terms of this Policy there are two provisions for import of Seeds viz:–

1. (i) Seeds of vegetables, flowers and plants; tubes and bulbs of flowers;

   (ii) Cuttings, saplings, budwood, etc. of flowers;

2. Plant, seeds and other plant material.

3. Seeds referred to at S. No. (1) above are freely importable. Seeds referred to at S. No. (2) are importable against specific Import Licence to be issued on the re-commendation of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, subject to the PQFS Regulations.

(b) For the purposes of seed imported for trials certain quantities have been fixed

up by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. The details are given in the attached statement-I.

(c) Certain Quarantine restrictions regarding countries from which import are not allowed are made from time to time. The current list of prohibited countries is given in the attached statement-II.

STATEMENT-I

Maximum Cuantity of seed permitted for import for multilocational trials by the ICAR and for simultanesou agroncmic treals by eigible imports

Sl. No.	*Name of Crop*	*Quantity allowed for import available to ICAR for multilocational trials*	*Simultaneous import allowed for agronomic trials by the importer*	*Total quantity of seed allowed for import for multilocational trials by ICAR and agronomic trials by the importer*
1	*2*	*3 (in Kg.)*	*4 (in Kg.)*	*5 (in Kg.)*
1.	Bajra	2.0	3.0	5.0
2.	Jowar	4.0	6.0	10.0
3.	Maize	10.0	10.0	20.0
4.	Minor millets	4.0	6.0	10.0
5.	Chickpea	30.0	70.0	100.0
6.	Peas	30.0	70.0	100.0
7.	Pigeon pea	6.0	14.0	20.0

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1	2	3 (in Kg.)	4 (in Kg.)	5 (in Kg.)
8.	Mung bean	6.0	14.0	20.0
9.	Urd bean	6.0	14.0	20.0
10.	Cow pea	10.0	20.0	30.0
11.	Lentil	10.0	20.0	30.0
12.	Rajmah/field beans	30.0	20.0	50.0
13.	Rapeseed-Mustard	2.0	3.0	5.0
14.	Sesamum	2.0	3.0	5.0
15.	Linseed	10.0	15.0	25.0
16.	Sunflower	4.0	6.0	10.0
17.	Safflower	4.0	6.0	10.0

Sl. No.	Name of Crop	Quantity allowed for import available to ICAR for multilocational trials	Simultaneous import allowed for agronomic trials by the importer	Total quantity of seed allowed for import for multilocational trials by ICAR and agronomic trials by the importer
1	2	3 (in Kg.)	4 (in Kg.)	5 (in Kg.)
18.	Soy bean	20.0	55.0	75.0
19.	Castor	6.0	9.0	15.0
20.	Niger	4.0	4.0	8.0

STATEMENT-II

Sl. No.	*Plants/Seeds and propagating materials*	*Country from where Import is prohibited*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Cocoa and all species of the family Sterculiaceae and Bombacaceae	West Indies, Africa and Sri Lanka.
2.	Coffee Beans	Sri Lanka
3.	Rubber (all species of Hevea)	America and West Indies.
4.	Sugarcane (all species of Saccharum)	Fiji, New Guinea, Australia, Philippines.
5.	Sunflower (all species of Halianthus)	Argentina, Peru.